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INDUSTRIALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the study conducted by the Government to identify industrially backward districts in the country have been completed;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether any of the 30 districts of Tamil Nadu has been identified as industrially backward districts;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) If not, the reasons for not including some industrially backward districts of Tamil Nadu in the list?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. The report of the study group on identification of industrially backward districts was submitted on 4.10.1994 and which was reviewed by a review study group who submitted its report on 18.07.1996.

(b) On the basis of these reports the industrially backward districts were c;assofoed omtp twp categproes - Category `A` and Category `B`. the classification was based on the districts as they stood in the Census report of 1991. The criteria for selection of backward districts adopted by the study group were as follows:-

(1) Financial criteria

- Per capita credit given by scheduled commercial banks.
- Per capita deposit received by scheduled commercial banks.

(ii) Infrastructural criteria

- Phones per thousand population.
- Per capita power consumption.
- Urban population of a district as a proportion of total population.
- Metalled roads per 100 square kilometers.

(iii) Industrial criteria

- Workers in registered factories per throusand population.
- Per capital gross value added from registered manufacturing sector.

On the basis of these criteria the indicators were combined into a composite index using suitable weights to facilitate comparison. For specifying a district as industrially backward district the conditions to be satisfied were (a) the district was to have a total weighted index count of 250 or less, or (b) the district was a `no industry` district, or (c) the district was an inaccessible distirct, or (d) the district

had no railhead as on 1.4.1994.

(c), (d) & (e): No, Sir. None of the 30 districts of Tamil Nadu have been identified as industrially backward on the bais of the criteria for the identification of backward districts.